

C O N C O R D I A U N I V E R S I T Y

Faculty of Engineering

Minutes of Meeting No. 76.3

of the

Engineering Faculty Council

held on

Friday, 23 April 1976

Present: J.C. Callaghan (Chairman); Professors Douglass, du Plessis, Fazio, Gracovetsky, Joly, Lin, Lindsay, McQueen, Pekau, Russell, Sankar; I. Szuts (Student representative); N. Pope (Library representative); Prof. J.C. Giguere (Secretary)

Absent with apology: Professors Bhattacharyya, Heaps, Kubina, Swamy, Vidyasagar, Xistris

Visitors: Professors Ha, Lang, Ramamurthy, Zielinski

Motion
76-3-1

1. Council unanimously adopted the published agenda with the addition of

5.5 Academic Regulations

2. It was also agreed to consider item 6.3 before 5.5, and to place item 5.1 at the end of the agenda.

Motion
76-3-2

3. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of meeting No. 76.2.

4. Student Assistantships

Chairman informed Council that the Executive Committee had established a series of research assistantships whereby CEGEP and high school students could apply to work over the summer on projects sponsored jointly by the Faculty and individual members of faculty. Some 140 applications have been received, and about 20 students will be selected. Professor Kubina is responsible for co-ordinating the project.

5. Elections

The Secretary informed Council that the election guide referred to in item 76-2-6 had been published. The deadline for nominations to University bodies is 5 May. Departments should also ensure that all elections and nominations for which they are responsible are carried out during their May meetings and the results reported to the Dean's office.

6. Faculty Tenure Committee

Professor Lindsay reported that elections to the Faculty Tenure Committee (SGW campus) had been completed at a meeting of full-time faculty earlier in the day. Professors Douglass and Vidyasagar were elected as A and B members with Professors Jaworski and du Plessis being elected as alternates.

7. Minutes of the Executive Committee

Chairman informed Council that the matter had been discussed in the Executive Committee and that it had been decided to make the minutes available in departmental offices for perusal by faculty.

8. Format of Agenda

The Chairman drew Council's attention to Doc. 76-3-1, a sample agenda for the Commerce and Administration Faculty Council which included reports from the standing committees of that Council as well as reports from faculty representatives on University committees. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Chairmen of the Standing Committees asking them if they wish to report to Council more often than at present.

9. Sequential Course Pairs

Motion
76-3-3

Council adopted a motion to establish as per item 16.2.21.3 of the 1975/76 undergraduate calendar that sequential course pairs would be Eng N371 and N372, Eng N361 and 461, and Elec Eng N411 and 412 (3 recorded abstentions).

10. Graduate Course Additions for 1975/76

Dr. Sankar, Chairman of EGSC, drew Council's attention to Doc. 76-3-2 which contains proposals for late additions to graduate course offerings.

Motion
76-3-4

11. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve and forward to BGS the proposals for new graduate courses as listed in Doc. 76-3-2.

12. Convocation Committee

Chairman informed Council that the Executive Committee had appointed a Convocation Committee consisting of Professors Giguere and Joly, Mr. Adams and a student representative nominated by the Engineering Undergraduate Association.

13. Concordia Grading System

The Secretary outlined Senate's current thinking on the matter (Doc. 76-3-3). He noted that Council would be obliged at its May meeting to consider whether it wished to restrict the reporting of grades to integers, to shaded letter grades, or to allow the instructor to choose his method of reporting grades.

14. Academic Regulations - B.Eng. Programme

Assistant Dean Giguere distributed two EUSC proposals. The first (Doc. 76-3-4) contained an updated version of Scheme 3 of Doc. 76-2-3 for which Council had shown a preference at its last meeting. He noted that, in his opinion, this proposal could not be adapted to fit the new Concordia grading system. The second (Doc. 76-3-5) was a new proposal compatible with both the current and future grading schemes and which incorporated many of the concepts of Doc. 76-3-4. After some discussion, it was agreed to forward Doc. 76-3-5 to departments for examination, after which EUSC would prepare its final recommendation to Council.

15. The Secretary informed Council that in order for the new set of regulations to come into effect on 1 June 1976, they would have to be considered by Senate at its regular meeting to be held on 14 May. It was agreed to advance the May meeting of Council to 13 May.

16. Building Engineering Option in the Undergraduate Programme

Dr. Fazio tabled Doc. 76-3-6, which contained two possible alternatives for the development of Building Engineering at the undergraduate level. The document was discussed at length and will receive further consideration at the May meeting. In the meantime, the Chairman suggested that it be studied by all who are interested in it.